

21-GP1-133 Economic Impact Data Sheet

Briefly summarize your proposal's primary economic impacts and benefits to building owners, tenants and businesses.

Increased construction costs and decreased utility expenses. Achieve energy savings in gas fired hot water heated buildings while staying close to national code language.

ASHRAE published 90.1-2019 addendum bc implementing requirements for high capacity gas-fired hot water boiler systems to have condensing boilers. This language has been adapted to the WSEC with one modification being to delete renewable energy from the options of exception 1 due to the more main stream role renewables are playing in code.

Provide your best estimate of the construction cost (or cost savings) of your code change proposal? (See OFM Life Cycle Cost [Analysis tool](#) and [Instructions](#); use these [Inputs](#). [Webinars on the tool can be found Here and Here](#))

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Provide your best estimate of the annual energy savings (or additional energy use) for your code change proposal?

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List any code enforcement time for additional plan review or inspections that your proposal will require, in hours per permit application:

Small amount of time to review boiler system size and efficiency and design criteria used for coils. Since systems are generally central this effort will not be substantial.